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ABSTRACT

The Family Work Institute conducted a study in San Fernando Valley, California; Dallas, Texas; and Charlotte, North Carolina to examined the effects of Child Care Aware's Family-to-Family training program on 130 child care providers. These providers were compared to 112 regulated providers not participating in Family-to-Family training. Results show that: (1) after training, children behaved in ways demonstrating that they are more securely attached to their providers; (2) training improved the overall quality scores of sites; (3) after training, 97% of providers reported their income from child care on tax returns, compared with only 70% before training; (4) after training, providers increased their commitment to their jobs and began to seek out additional training; and (5) providers increased their involvement in family child care associations, the family child care community, and the Child and Adult Care Food program. Recommendations for those interested in child care include the following: (1) increase private and public investment in child care; (2) develop beginning, intermediate, and advanced family child care training; and (3) develop creative strategies for improving the quality of nonregulated providers. Contains 24 references and an appendix of tables.) (JW)

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